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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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SUBJECT: MANILA A-68 DATED APRIL 25, 1978

1. STATE AND DEFENSE COMMEND EMBASSY MANILA FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE AND PENETRATING ANALYSIS OF THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY AND BASE NEGOTIATIONS. WE VIEW THE AIRGRAM AS A VALUABLE REFERENCE TOOL IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S UPDATING IT PERIODICALLY TO KEEP IT CURRENT AS A BACKGROUND DOCUMENT FOR OUR NEGOTIATORS IN DEALING WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS. IT IS PARTICULARLY TIMELY IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT THRUST OF OUR EFFORT TOWARD MILITARY-TO-MILITARY TALKS.

2. WE NOTE THAT BGEN MANIPULA HAS NOT BEEN EXTENDED BEYOND HIS DEFERRED MANDATORY RETIREMENT DATE. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE THE EMBASSY'S ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF THIS ON THE SPECIAL STUDY GROUP AND SPECIAL TASK GROUP AND YOUR VIEWS
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AS TO WHETHER THE RECENT RETIREMENTS SIGNIFY A FURTHER REDUCTION IN ENRILE'S POWER BASE WITHIN THE AFP. VANCE

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